

Washington Horse Racing Commission Policy Statement 2016-01

Reciprocity for Veterinarian Lists

The Washington Horse Racing Commission is committed to ensuring the safety of all participants, including the equine athletes. In its efforts to accomplish this, the commission directs its regulatory officials to utilize all methods under their authority to ensure that horses which appear on other recognized jurisdictions official veterinarian's lists are inspected prior to being allowed to enter or run in Washington.

At all licensed racing associations in Washington:

1. All horses that are entered to race which appear on an official veterinarian list from another recognized jurisdiction will be reported to the stewards and/or the official veterinarian.
2. If the horse in question has started at another recognized track since being placed on the list, the horse may be allowed to enter and race.
3. An attempt will be made to contact the jurisdiction in which the horse appears on the list for further information, and to facilitate the process to have the horse removed from the list.
4. For horses that were listed as sick, the horse must be inspected by a commission veterinarian prior to racing
5. For horses that appear on the list for soundness issues, (sore, lame, or injured), the following procedure will be followed;
 - a. If the horse was placed on the list within the past 45 days, the horse may be required to work in the presence of a commission veterinarian as listed in WAC 260-70-580 before being allowed to enter;
 - b. If the horse was placed on the list more than 45 days ago and has a qualified workout between the date of the race and the entry date, a commission veterinarian will inspect the horse for soundness. If no workout is recorded, the horse may be required to work in the presence of a WHRC veterinarian as listed WAC 260-70-580
6. The jurisdiction in which the horse appears on the list should be contacted to inform them of the condition of the horse.

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